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1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE DRESS WON BY MRS. COULPHARD DURING THE CASSETT GROUP'S VISIT TO BAHRAIN IN 1975 HAS STILL NOT BEEN RECEIVED. THE GULF WEEKLY MIRROR HAS RECENTLY BEEN MAKING FURTHER INQUIRIES ABOUT THE "CASE" AND HAS INFORMED THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PROMINENT LOCAL CHARITY WHICH SPONSORED THE CASSETT GROUP THAT IT IS "ABOUT" TO RUN THE STORY ON THE MISSING DRESS.

2. MRS. COULPHARD IS ON LEAVE FROM BAHRAIN UNTIL MID-MAY. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT CASSETT BE INFORMED ONCE AGAIN THAT IF HE CONTINUES TO PLAN FURTHER HIGH-LEVEL ACTIVITIES IN BAHRAIN (REF MANAMA 180 NOTAL WHICH DESCRIBED CASSETT'S PLANS TO MAKE PRESENTATION TO RULING FAMILY OF BAHRAIN), HE MUST FOLLOW THROUGH ON DELIVERY OF THE RAFFLED DRESS TO MRS. COULPHARD. ONCE THE BAD PUBLICITY HITS THE LOCAL PRESS, IT WOULD BE OUR GUESS THAT MR. CASSETT'S TARGET AUDIENCE HERE WILL HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO DO WITH HIM.

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